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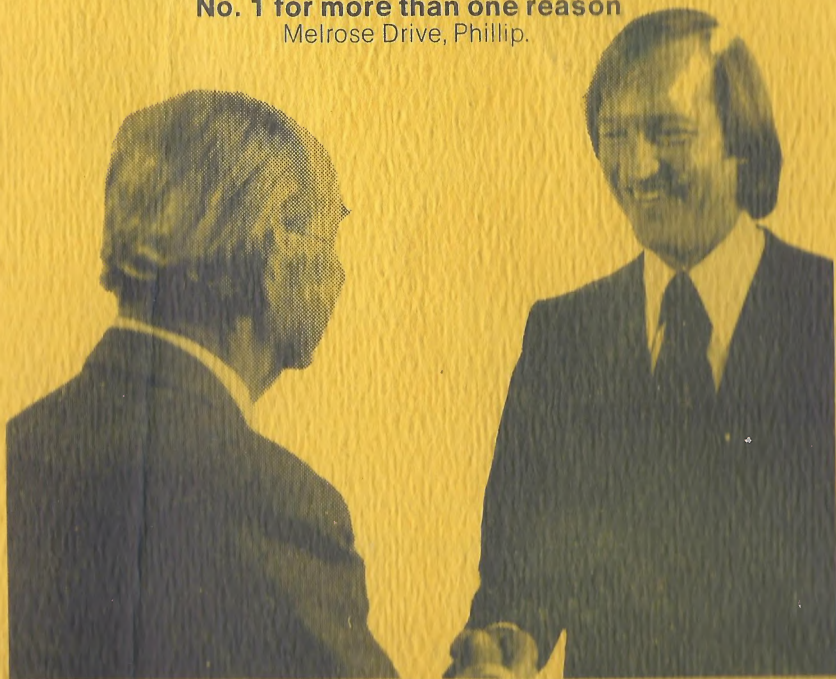
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PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE TABLE

1. Canberra City	Second Round						Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	
2. Brisbane City	2	2	—	—	6	2	4
3. Newcastle	2	1	1	—	3	2	3
4. Fitzroy	2	1	1	—	3	2	3
5. West Adelaide	2	1	1	—	2	1	3
6. Olympic	2	1	—	1	2	1	2
7. Sydney City	2	1	—	1	4	4	2
8. Brisbane Lions	2	1	—	1	2	2	2
9. South Melbourne	2	1	—	1	5	6	2
10. Adelaide City	2	1	—	1	5	6	2
11. Footscray	2	—	1	1	2	4	1
12. St George	2	—	—	2	2	5	—
13. Marconi	2	—	—	2	1	4	—
14. Apia	2	—	—	2	0	3	—

First Round							Pts
1. Brisbane City	1	1	—	—	4	2	2
2. Canberra City	1	1	—	—	3	1	2
3. Sydney Olympic	1	1	—	—	2	—	2
4. Newcastle	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
5. Sydney City	1	1	—	—	2	1	2
6. West Adelaide	1	1	—	—	1	—	2
7. Fitzroy	1	1	—	—	1	—	2
8. Brisbane Lions	1	—	—	1	1	2	—
9. South Melbourne	1	—	—	1	1	2	—
10. Apia	1	—	—	1	—	1	—
11. St George	1	—	—	1	—	1	—
12. Adelaide City	1	—	—	1	2	4	—
13. Footscray	1	—	—	1	—	2	—

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Letters are most welcome and, indeed, strongly encouraged. Let's hear what you have to say about the competition, the team, promotion, publicity — you name it. Address all correspondence to: The Editor, Canberra City Soccer Club, P.O. Box 910, Canberra City, A.C.T. 2601.

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COVER PICTURE

GO — DAVIES — GO!!!!
 Canberra City at Home to Marconi
 11 March 1979

Result: 3-1 our first win for '79

Photo: Vladimir Stojanovic



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Copy deadline for the next issue for all contributors is Monday, 2 April. Where possible, all copy should be delivered to the Club, addressed to the Editor.

CANBERRA CITY v FOOTSCRAY

(earlier results)

1977

Friendly match at home
 2-0 win

PSL MATCHES

Away 3-0 loss
 Home 0-1 loss

1978

PSL MATCHES

Home 1-1 draw
 Away 1-2 win

CANBERRA CITY GOALSCORERS

Roy Stark	2
Terry Byrne	1
John Davies	1
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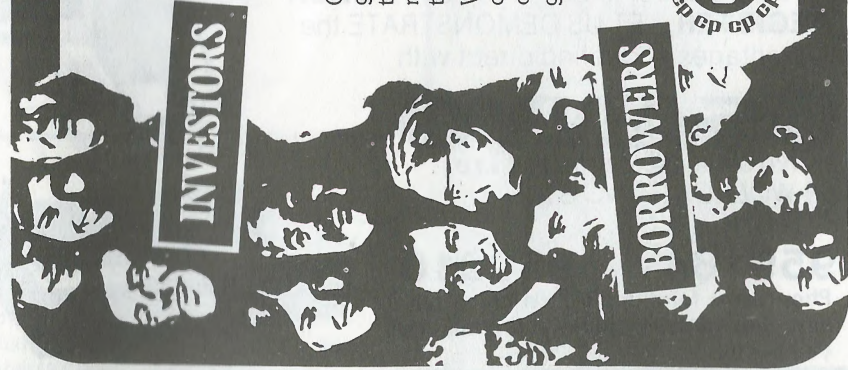


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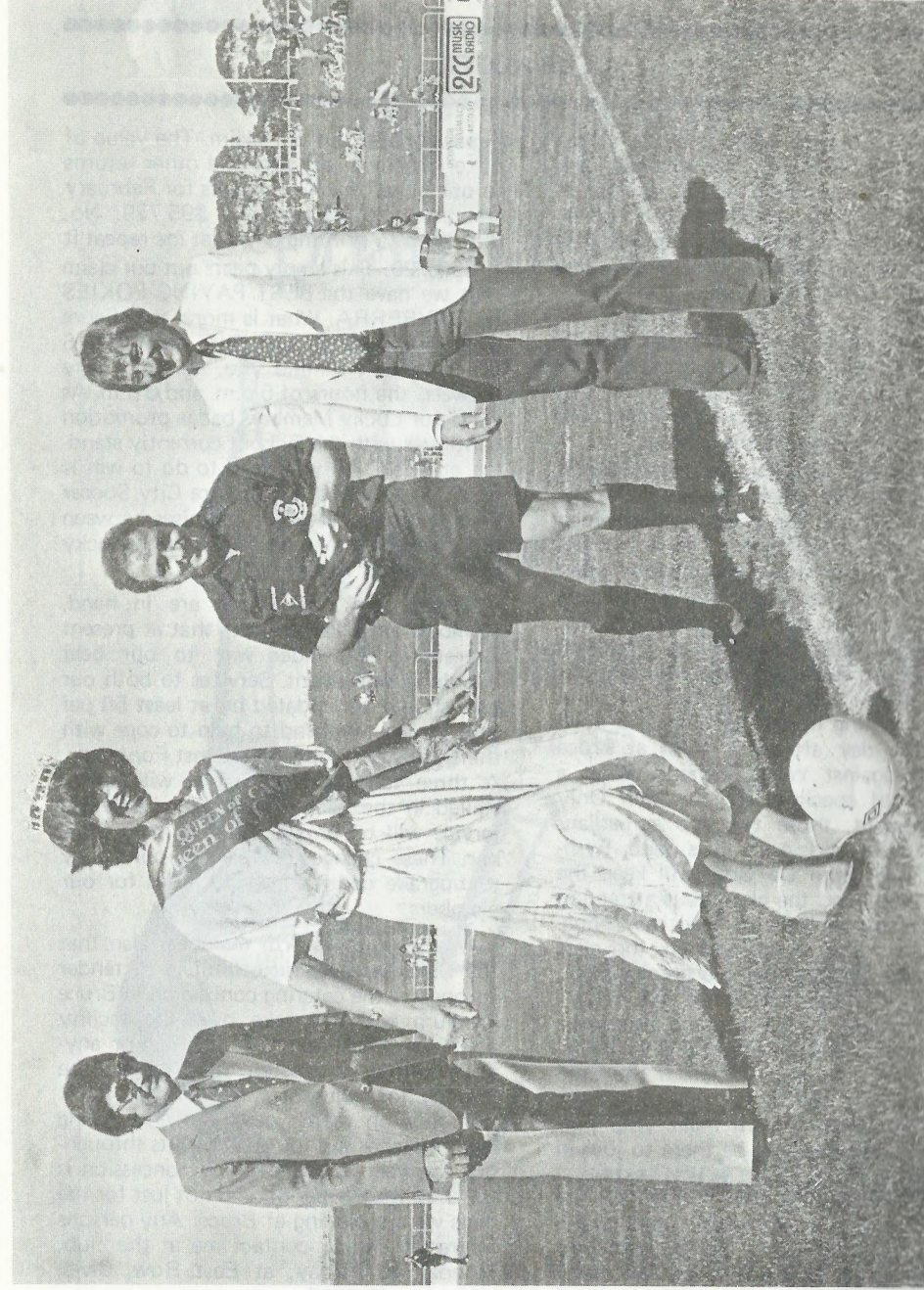
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(l. to r. Ron Wilson (Director: Promotions), Zdena Jesec (Queen of Canberra), Ken Allen, PSL Panel referee, Brian Pollock, Canberra City sponsor)

CLUB NOTES

There have been some changes to the club premises. For your convenience, new furniture, increasing the seating capacity of the Club, has been installed. Alex Pongrass, President of the St George Soccer Club, has given us an extra special deal on the new clubhouse furnishings, tables and chairs, for auditorium use and we express our deep appreciation to him for his assistance. It would be remiss of me not to thank Alex and his Club for their further kindness at the weekend by giving us two well-earned points at St George's home ground.

Two of our forthcoming attractions at the Club deserve special mention. Let me mention first the Top Wine Auction which will be held on April Fools Day — but the only fools will be those who miss the grand opportunity to get among the outstanding reds and whites and top Para ports, etc. The auction gets under way at 7 p.m. on 1 April, so be there and bring your money.

The second attraction is the FOR MEN ONLY morning hosted by the Club on 8 April, the day after our clash at Bruce Stadium against West Adelaide. What a weekend of specials! At our Men Only entertainment, those two top comedians Brian Doyle and Australia's (and Fyshwick's) own Slim De Gray will keep the mirth rolling and the glamorous attraction will be in the form of the beautiful 'Cinnamon'. As if that is not enough, top class Nelson Bay Prawns will be on the menu and your first beer will be 'on the house'. What promises to be a grand morning's entertainment gets under way at 11 o'clock. Tickets are now available from the Club and are selling fast. Don't miss out; back at the Clubhouse tonight make your purchase and ensure you'll be there to join in the fun.

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Other club renovations are in hand. Members are asked to note that at present alterations are under way to our beer plumbing equipment. Services to both our bars should be updated by at least 50 per cent by this weekend to help to cope with the trade after our game against Footscray. A three tap temprite service will be installed in the back bar room and an extra service will be provided at our main front bar. These changes are part of our policy to upgrade continuously facilities for our members.

We wish to inform members also that the Club has been successful in its tender to operate the catering concession at Bruce Stadium and will take over the facility after the weekend of 14 April. For anybody who is interested, the Club will be looking for volunteers to staff the kiosk not only on match days but also during away matches and for other events throughout the year as the catering concession is for a 12 month period and not just for the days we are playing at Bruce. Any persons interested should contact me at the club, Monday to Friday, at East Row, Civic, telephone 48 8917.

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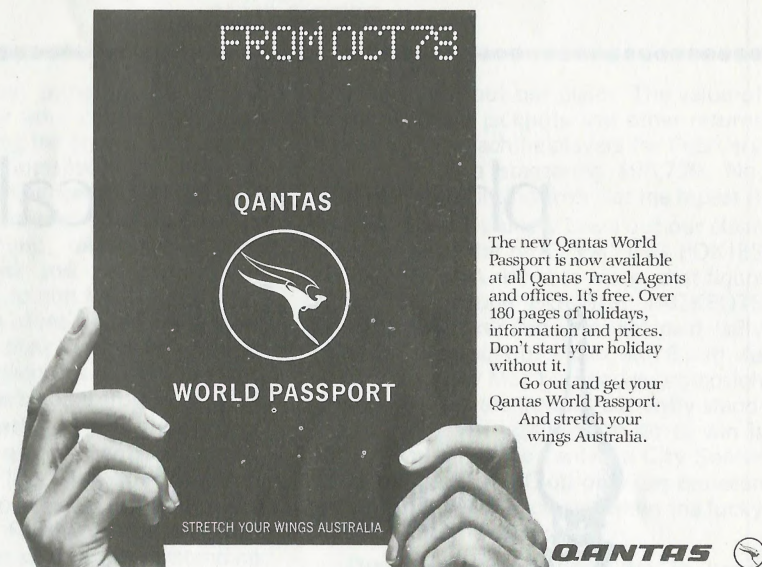
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Vic Fernandez Comments

Positions on any football table can be divided into basically three categories: First, down at the bottom, where a team is under great pressure; secondly, somewhere around the middle — where I think sometimes I would prefer to see a team at the beginning of the season; and, thirdly, at the top, where the pressure on a team is even greater than it is at the bottom. And on the top is where we find ourselves in the first time in the history of Canberra City. Am I proud and happy — why, of course I am. I am thrilled for the boys and for the club. A tremendous amount of hard work has gone into the preparation for this season and to have such a reward so early in the season is wonderful for all concerned.

My reaction after the win against Marconi was one of caution. The team played so well, once the match was 'read' and we knew what we had to do to win it. But I was most anxious that we play it cool and keep our feet on the ground. The season had a long way to go. It still has, but we have our second win in succession, and away at that. How long can a winning trot last? Well, it would not be impossible for a team to go through the PSL competition undefeated in a season, but realistically we must all see that sooner or later a loss or a draw will come our way; the breaks will go against us. What is more, as I said at the start, the pressures on the team at the top increase greatly. In the PSL, the pressure is on from the first game. Now, everyone will want to be the first to knock Canberra City off the top of the table. There will be no monkey business. But this can work both ways. The players and I are proud that we have achieved two wins. We will not relinquish our No. 1 position without a fight.

One factor in our favour is the type of football that we are playing. We have not a 'special' man in midfield; we have not a striker who scores all the goals. If we had, it would have been easy for the opposition

to put us out of the game. Roy Stark, Danny Moulis and Luis Salgado proved that last weekend against St George. I want a team of 11 workers who play total football.

So far, I am very happy with the team. That is why we will play our third competition game this season starting off with the same team as our last two matched. Fancy that: Canberra City fielding for three games in a row the same team. I have been asked about Paul Fielding. Paul is not 100 per cent fit to give us everything for 90 minutes in our heat. I do not know in which position he would play best. According to him he is not a midfielder or a forward; he is a link. I make two points: First, I must work out the best position for him; and secondly, the midfield is working excellently. But he is a good player and good players work out their positions.

The Editor has asked me about the role of a 'thinking coach'. I answer him in this way: Obviously commonsense and determination solve nearly half of your problems on the field. It doesn't matter how much you tell the guys — whether you blast them or whatever — if they do not have commonsense and determination, your plans will never work. That is my type. I am not the kind of coach who, because our next game is against St George, will get on the telephone and ring up people in Sydney to get information on their players. My approach is: If we do our job, they will have to worry about us. I think a lot of the other coaches worry about the opposition too much; they start off preparation by saying: 'Now, stop this guy; stop that guy!' My worry is my team and seeing that it produces what it is supposed to produce. In that way I am sure the opposition will worry about us instead of us worrying about them.

What was my plan against Marconi? We came out on the field to be really cautious, to watch the trend of the game and keep the ball and to keep possession for 25 to

30 minutes. We would then know what we were up against and be free to play accordingly. But that part took too long, according to our plans — it took 45 minutes. In the second half, that was it; we had it all worked out. That's how it all happened.

Against St George, the approach had to be different for the simple reason that the previous weekend St George had lost twice in two days. Morale was at rock bottom. We went out to keep it there. My plan was: Get in there and attack and attack; if you go in there and don't attack they will come together and start to build up their confidence. With luck, in the first 30 minutes we had three goals. My message got through. I always hammer that we must go step by step. We need to take steps forward; let us not look back at all. I am the one who has to look back and fix the weaknesses or maintain the good things we have been doing. The players have to be quick and take the next step. We have 26 steps; we have taken two: Let us see how many times we fall down along the rest of the path.

I must comment about my reception at St George. Really, it is something I cannot understand. After the game, so many Hungarians came up to me, kissed me, were so friendly and talked about beautiful things. Yet, they lost the game. Perhaps it had much to do with the 10 years as a player and two years as a coach that I spent with St George. They seemed thrilled for me. It was hard to believe. At the St George club, I walked into the dining room with the players and the spread had to be seen to be believed. You name it; it was there. I doubt that we could ever repay them. I was surprised because they never used to be like that; I had never seen it before. In one and a half hours, there were so many friends to talk to that it was hard to have more than a minute for each one. I know that the team and all Canberra City supporters regretted as I did that the rain ruined the marvellous promotions organised for that day. All credit to St George for what it has achieved. I am sure any present setback will be but temporary.

Now, back to training here. We are having our problems because of the lack of suitable lighting. You will notice how early it gets dark now. Let's hope that the lighting for the Bruce training area is turned on right on time. All the players join with me in thanking our wonderful supporters for their rousing cheers and chanting. It really does help. Against Marconi at Bruce, you were wonderful. You lift the players and bring out that extra effort. A big thank you to those hardy souls who made the trip to Sydney for the St George match. You were our sunshine on that bleak, wet day.

I have received a letter from Brian Le Fevre, General Secretary of the Australian Soccer Federation. He has written to me advising that national coach Rudi Gutendorf would like my assistance in arranging for the selection of a squad of possible National A team players from Canberra's clubs.

In due course he will discuss with me ways and means of conducting a once weekly night training program for the players in Canberra who may be included in a final squad of 25 players to form the nucleus of the 1981 World Cup squad. It is all happening for Canberra at all levels. In that respect, might I conclude by mentioning my assistants with our Federation Cup teams. The Firsts will be coached by Petar Vidovic, the Seconds by John Doyle, and the Thirds by Keith Hardisty. Last Sunday the Firsts played Croatia Deakin, which has been performing quite well, and they drew 1-1, with rain causing the game to be called off with 10 minutes to go. Also I had a call three weeks ago from Cowra. I was asked to send a team on 25 March for a game against them. As part of our promotion campaign, we are sending a combination of our Firsts and Seconds under coach John Doyle. Whatever the next few weeks may hold, thank you for your encouragement, enthusiasm and support.

VIC FERNANDEZ

SUPPORTING PROGRAMME

Today's attractive match program should be kicked off to an exciting start by the clash between two under 21 representative sides — Canberra and Illawarra. This weekend in Canberra the first ACT representative soccer games to be played since 1976 have been presented. The senior match was held here yesterday and today the under-21s do battle.

Soon, our own club flag will be flying proudly at Bruce Stadium. It is most appropriate that it should fly side by side with our national flag — more especially as Canberra City is the only ACT football team competing in a weekly national competition. Today, the Australian flag will be presented to Club President, Mr Charles Perkins, by the Member for Canberra, Mr John Haslem, M.P.

During the half time break in the main game, an old friend from last season, Australian parachuting champion, Graeme Windsor, will again thrill you with an example of the precision that can be achieved in his sport. John's appearance this afternoon is sponsored by Centrepont Brakes, Fyshwick.

The junior soccer club from whose ranks today's ball boys are drawn is Downer Olympics. The junior arm of the Club had its origins back in 1969 when it was known as the Downer United Soccer Club.

In 1978, Downer Olympics fielded 30 teams in the under 7 to under 16 age groups and was successful in winning four premierships. Teams were runners up in two other competitions. A rewarding feature of the season was that every boy who registered played in club teams and representative honours were gained by five boys from the under 14 team, five boys from the under 15 team and two boys from the under 16 team. This year the club will have 32 teams participating in the under 7 to under 18 competitions.

It has always been Club policy to accept ANY boy wishing to play soccer with Downer Olympic Juniors within the regulations set down by the JLMC. Its objective for the juniors is: Participation and

Pleasure before Points and Premierships.

Inquiries on the Club should be directed to President Dirk van Dijk (49 8336)

And so the the PSL clash between Canberra City and Footscray. City fans anticipate another fine match. The standard of the clash with Marconi was magnificent. Footscray will present for the first time in Canberra many new signings. We are told that Footscray's real strength is its ability to come from behind, and to storm forward in lightning sharp counter attacks. City supporters will be interested particularly to see 23 year old goalkeeper Stephen Potter, from Swansea City, and Rado Jovicic, a new signing from Second Division Polet, a 27 year old sweeper with an extremely powerful shot from just outside the box. Zoyki Jovanovic, 25, is a midfielder from Second Division club, Hayduk, in Belgrade and Stephen Carpenter 21, is from Nuneton, Southern Premier Division, England. Also from Polet, is 25 year old midfielder, Zoren Pidorovic. There are many familiar faces in the team too, and undoubtedly with such a talented side we will soon come to recognise all of them this afternoon. Our best wishes to both sides for an exciting clash. See you at our next game.

ACTFL Under 21 Representative Team

Illawarra FL Under 21 Representative Team

ACT Squad	Illawarra Squad
West Wod. Juventus	Booth, R.
Blackall, M.	Lucas, L.
Johns, E.	Sweeney, M.
Pangalos, M.	Demire, C.
Pauletto, T.	West, M.
San Francesco, G.	P. Mathias, P.
Sedger, I.	Lasert, J.
Willett, G.	Jones, K.
Croatia Deakin	Sovrano, I.
Bull, J.	Videnall, M.
Dukic, S.	Booth, R.
MacLean, C.	Lemme, M.
Barac, Zorro	Davies, G.
Watson, J.	Kessell, R.
Canberra City	Givoldi, R.
Discordia, V.	Givoldi, S.
Francis, M.	Manager: H. Moore
Prieto, E.	Coach: Casey De Bruin

Downer Olympic
A. Noumidis
ANU
Rosenberg, J.
Coach: Les Bee (ANU)

TODAY'S PROGRAM

- 1.00 p.m. ACT Football League under 21 Representative Team v Illawarra Football League under 21 Representative team.
(half time 1.45 p.m.)
- 2.45 p.m. Presentation of Australian Flag to President of Canberra City Soccer Club, Charles Perkins, by the member for Canberra, Mr John Haslem, M.P.
- 2.50 p.m. Teams introduced.
- 3.00 p.m. CANBERRA CITY v FOOTSCRAY (John Haslem to kick off)
- 3.45 p.m. (approx) Supporters Club Raffle draw
Sky diving demonstration by Graeme Windsor, sponsored by Centrepont Brakes, Fyshwick.

WELCOME

Top of the table! I trust that our first page presentation of the current table for the Philips Soccer League says it all. The feeling is grand and those of us who travelled to Sydney last weekend and enjoyed the game and the hospitality of St George (if not the weather) returned to Canberra and a clubhouse which resounded to victory chants. And so to the match against Footscray. As Vic Fernandez has commented, no match in the PSL this season will be an easy one. And Canberra City, being at the top, will become the target for all other teams. To beat the table leaders adds an extra spur to the play of any team. For us, the experience is new, if

not novel. But we know that the season has a long way to go and extra effort will be demanded from our players and coach to keep our position intact. The boys now know what they can do. They have scored seven goals in two matches. Look back and see how long it took us last season to rattle up seven goals. The team has a grand spirit, under Vic's coaching, and players are able to show talents which previously were suppressed. Pride is figuring strongly in the thinking too. The team deserves high commendation for its application and attitude. You have shown us what you can do; we've loved it. But we can take lots more, as we know you can. Go, City, Go.... and KEEP CANBERRA CITY ON TOP.

EDITORIAL: Memo — Rock Apes

It takes only one nasty incident to blight the enjoyment of any match and the throwing of a half full can of beer onto the pitch apron at our first home match upset many of our supporters, especially as the can did not come from a Canberra fan. As a friend of mine commented: 'Only a rock ape would do that'. So, here is a message for the rock apes:

Just think for a moment of the harm that might be caused, not to mention the grave tragedy that might result, from the stupid, unthinking (perhaps spur of the

moment) action of throwing any projectile at a match. We pride ourselves as being the best supporters with the best facilities and the other clubs are looking to us now to see just how we have set about building what we have achieved in three short years. I trust that if any incident of this kind should regrettably occur in the future the Club and the police will be quick to see that the offender is apprehended, removed, and prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Finally, might I commend the swift actions of several of the Club directors and the ACT Police which diffused the situation.

TEAM SQUADS



CANBERRA CITY

Colours: BLUE & GOLD

1. STEVE HOSZOWSKI
2. DANNY MOULIS
3. PAUL FIELDING
4. STEVE HOGG
5. HARRY WILLIAMS
6. LUIS SALGADO
7. JOE ARQUERO
8. IVAN GRUICIC
9. TERRY BYRNE
10. JOHN DAVIES
11. BRIAN STODDART
12. KENI KAWALEVA
13. GEORGE BAILEY
14. ISAAC FARRELL
15. ROY STARK (Captain)
16. JOHN BROWN
17. PHIL REIS
18. JIM CANT
19. BERNARD LUSTICA
20. DAVID LINDENMAYER
21. MIKE SMITH
- MIKE MILOVANOVIC

Coach: VIC FERNANDEZ



FOOTSCRAY

Colours: BLUE & WHITE

1. STEPHEN POTTER
2. ZORAN ILIOSKI
3. ANDREW RISTIC
4. RADE JOVICIC
5. JIM KONDARIOS
6. ZOYKI JOVANOVIC
7. JARA PALINKIS
8. MIRKO RUJEVIC
9. JOE PICIOANE
10. PETER OLLERTON
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12. ZDRAVKO LUJIC
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Coach: CEDO (Jack) CIRKOVIC

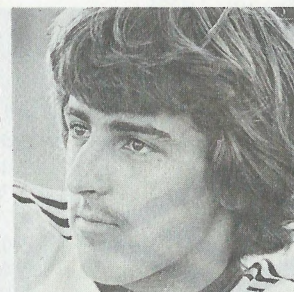


CANBERRA CITY v MARCONI, 11 MARCH 1979
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The Woden Donut Centre

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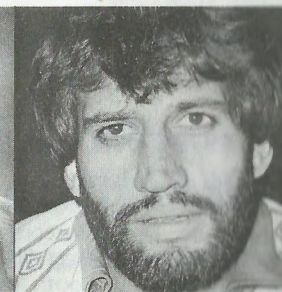
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Luis Salgado (1)

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Match Statistics

CANBERRA CITY v MARCONI 11 March, 1979

	1st Half		2nd Half		Total	
	City	Marc.	City	Marc.	City	Marc.
Goals	0	1	3	0	3	1
Penalties	0	0	0	0	0	0
Corners	5	0	0	3	5	3
Free Kicks	14	12	9	10	23	22
Attempts at Goal	2	7	10	5	12	12
Saves	2	0	4	2	6	2
Goal Kicks	9	3	3	6	12	9
Throw Ins	11	5	11	11	22	16

CANBERRA CITY v ST. GEORGE 18 March, 1979

	1st Half		2nd Half		Total	
	City	St George	City	St George	City	St George
Goals	3	1	1	1	4	2
Penalties	0	0	0	0	0	0
Corners	2	3	2	9	4	12
Free Kicks	11	10	10	12	21	20
Shots	5	5	5	6	10	11
Saves	2	0	3	1	5	1
Goal Kicks	2	3	8	3	10	6
Throws In	8	6	8	12	16	18

1979 FIXTURE LIST

ROUND 3 (25 March)

Canberra City	v	Footscray
Sydney City	v	Marconi
Sydney Olympic	v	West Adelaide
Fitzroy United	v	South Melbourne
Adelaide City	v	APIA
Newcastle United	v	Brisbane City
Brisbane Lions	v	St George

ROUND 4 (1 April)

South Melbourne	v	Canberra City
Footscray	v	Brisbane Lions
Marconi	v	Adelaide City
APIA	v	Newcastle United
St George	v	Sydney City
West Adelaide	v	Fitzroy United
Brisbane City	v	Sydney Olympic

OUR NEXT HOME GAME

Canberra City	v	West Adelaide
Saturday, 7 April, 3 pm		

MATCH ATTENDANCES PSL games only. Estimates

1977

Canberra City v	
West Adelaide	1,900
Western Suburbs	2,000
Fitzroy United	1,500
Brisbane City	1,400
St George	2,500
Brisbane Lions	1,800
South Melbourne	1,750
Adelaide City	1,800
Sydney Olympic	1,600
Footscray	1,400
Marconi	2,700
Hakoah	1,500
Mooroolbark	1,300
Total	23,150
Highest	2,700
Lowest	1,300
Average	1,780

1978

Canberra City v	
West Adelaide	6,100
Adelaide City	6,485
Newcastle	3,400
Fitzroy United	5,300
Footscray	4,700
Marconi	8,450
Western Suburbs	5,420
St George	5,200
Sydney Olympic	4,300
Brisbane Lions	3,520
Brisbane City	4,200
Sydney City	3,300
South Melbourne	4,800
Total	65,175
Highest	8,450
Lowest	3,300
Average	5,013

MATCH ATTENDANCE 1979

Canberra City v Marconi	6,845
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CITY'S RESULTS THIS SEASON

Canberra City v Marconi, home 3-1 win.
St George v Canberra City, away, 2-4 win.

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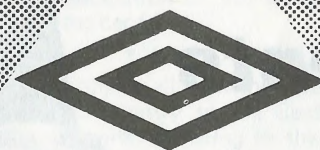
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Penalty Shots

Congratulations to **Steve Doszpot** for all the good work done in liaising with St George last weekend. A highlight was to see Steve conversing with surprised directors of St George in their native tongue. The Budapest connection was well and truly established and a power of good done for a long and continuing friendship between the two clubs.

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A belated happy birthday to **Maurice Cole** who a fortnight ago got what he proclaimed to all within earshot — about 80 rows up and down, fifty metres each side — he wanted for his birthday . . . a Canberra City win. Many happy returns, Maurie.

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Did you notice President **Charles Perkins** sitting behind the goal outside the players dressing rooms at St George's home ground last Sunday. Charlie lived every moment of that game and, each time the ball came towards Steve Hoszowski, he moved this way and that in anticipation of the saves. Is a comeback on the cards?

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Congratulations to all who took part in the Canberra City entry in the Canberra Day parade. Players travelling in the MG Club vehicles were **Roy Stark, Steve Hoszowski, Danny Moulis, Ivan Gruicic, Phil Reis, Isaac Farrell and Paul Fielding. Dianna Slavin** was there with many others, too numerous to mention, including the Wowdies. All along the route, our group was well received, and the number of persons who exchanged light hearted banter with the players indicated the success of the promotion of the club in the community. A special thanks to the children who handed out reams of literature to the crowd.

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Well, you can't say that we don't try to get our players young in Canberra City. Did you read the final paragraph in the 'Sunday Telegraph' previewing our clash against St George. If not, read on:

'Good news for Canberra City is that Under-10 Australian Representative, Mike Milovanovic, has contracted to stay with the club'

Blimey, he's going to be a big boy when he grows up!

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DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT Terry Byrne during the overnight stay in Sydney last Saturday before the St George match. The team checked into their hotel and Terry was called aside by the manager, 'Listen, son', he said, 'the ref for your match is sleeping under your room tonight. He's made a special request for lots of quiet. He's a bundle of nerves before a match and the slightest noise will have him on edge all night. You will be quiet, won't you, lad'. Well, Terry, being the obliging type of bloke we all know he is vowed and declared that nary a sound would be heard from his room. Off he went for a final team tactics discussion. The evening dragged on and it was nigh on midnight before he reached his room. Unthinkingly, he removed one more than large shoe and dropped it on to the floor — and immediately blanched in horror. 'Oh, bother', Terry chastised himself, remembering the poor referee slumbering fitfully below his room. So, as quiet as a Marconi supporter, he undressed, crept silently into bed and was soon enjoying the restful sleep that comes to all players soon to be at the top of the PSL ladder. About 4 in the morning he was awakened by a soulful wail of distraught agony from the room below, as the referee pleaded in a quivering voice: 'For Gawd's Sake — TAKE OFF YOUR OTHER !†\$%&/() SHOE!!!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'The Kennels',
5 Woolf Place,
Barkloud, ACT

My Dear Editor and all Canberra City Supporters,

In my long association with the Canberra City Soccer Club and its promotions, I have never put paw to paper to address the readers of this esteemed journal on any topic. But events at the opening day of the 1979 football season have caused me to break the habit of a lifetime.

Really, my experience of that Black Sunday, 11 March, still haunts me. My hair stood on end for four days and you must know how embarrassing that is for an Old English Sheep Dog who, like all true professional performers, is moody, highly strung and deeply sensitive. Why, I haven't felt like this since someone alleged last season that I was a member of the English Mafia!

You see, it is understood that when I enter the arena, I LEAD!

On the fateful Sunday of which I complain, I was told Chris Kunz would lead me. CHRIS "\$&%-\$&\$-%(!)" KUNZ, I gently screamed. Calamity, concern and consternational! What does he know about

delicate, sweet, good natured creatures; he spends all his time with the Kids Squad!

What a drag. I felt so restricted. When I reached the middle of the pitch and enthusiastically attempted to savage the left leg of Mr Ken Allen I received no encouragement from Chris at all.

The gravamen of my complaint is the return journey. Instead of letting me lead, Chris actually tried to beat me, the STAR, off the field. The fact that I nearly dragged him straight through the Wowdies cheer squad and up and over the grandstand is incidental. I hope he learnt his lesson. The hairy one has done this all before, Kids Squad Leader!

Before there is a next time, I trust that the Club in its undoubted wisdom will organise a crash course in obedience for Chris. I hope he starts off with a prancy miniature silky terrier, graduates to a corgi (She would be pleased) and then works his way up to the aristocrats — my breed.

In the interim, if he must handle me again, I have included a photograph of the dreadful events of two weeks ago a suitable appendage to identify Chris's problem.

Yours in sport,

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Bus trip to Newcastle, 28/29 April;
Prohibition night on the Lake (Sunday,
10 June);
Mid-Season Ball (date to be advised).

PROHIBITION NIGHT ON THE LAKE

(Or: The Night When Ian (Big Al) Skill-
ing Promises to Give a New Meaning to the
Term 'Anchor-man')

Hey, youse guys 'n broads — da mob is running dis big night on da famous floatin' gin palace 'Mimosa'. Already half da bath-tubs in beautiful downtown Bungendore is full wit grog for youse delicate palates. We is smuggling it past da Feds in empty sheep dip drums heavily disguised as Ministerial leak containers. on dis fabulous cruise out to da middle of da big puddle youse gets all da famous Bungendore Brew youse can guzzle plus da light supper, special for ya sensitive tums (da boys is gonna hijack it from Greasy Louie's three nights before and will use da latest stolen — er, acquired Army disposal flame-throwers to reheat it just as youse like it). Den it's on to da tables where 'Hotfingers' Huggins and his crew, who has got dis idea dat they is real wheelers-dealers, is probably gonna blow all our loot. Den comes da big raffle, for free and what's more no charge neither (is der any end to our generosity — Ya, der is) wit a prize of 100 smackeroos, not to mention buckereenoes, so I won't, for da winner. First we draws da winnin' ticket and it's Mad Dog Moir who's da winner, so's he don't shoot nobody, den we mug Mad Dog, take back the bikkies, and have da real draw. 'Mimosa' will stop at Kingston (Canberra, not Jamacia, ya mugs!) regular like so youse can visit your favourite bank for a withdrawal. We supplies da gelignite. Big splash finale: Da swimming lesson in cement shooz from da big winner.

Now, here's da bad news — only 100 of ya mob can go on da fabulous ehxcers---

ehxkersixxx, er, boat ride, with da real grub and plonk and booze, if youse prefer, so gets ready to grab youse's tickets when da is released (same day as Old Ma Knowles, I hears). Cost is a lousy 10 bucks a passenger (no home printed notes accepted) or 11 bucks if youse is dumb enough not to be a member of the Supporters Club.

RAFFLE

Last home game winners were: 1st — Family dinner at Matilda's Tavern; Ralph Westen (just to prove that old editors never die; they just go on their winning way); 2nd — \$25 Open Order on John Davis Menswear; M. Pitonski; 3rd — Bus trip to St. George game; (name not supplied); 4th — 2 bottles of Port from Alliance Finance; J. Perman; 5th — \$5 petrol voucher; Roman Bizjac. It only costs 20c a ticket and all the profits go to the Player Development Fund. Remember it will take a lot of tickets to buy Paul Fielding; so, buy regularly and we will keep the prizes worthwhile.

NEWCASTLE BUS TRIP

Regulars to the Newcastle game will be pleased to hear that we have hired the Murray's 'Superbus' for the next trip. Although it is still five weeks away, it is worth booking early as one bus is all that can be arranged owing to overnight accommodation requirements. Return trip cost is expected to be about \$17 for members and \$19 for non-members. Overnight accommodation at the Great Northern Hotel will be \$9 a person.

MELBOURNE BUS TRIP

It has been suggested that we run a bus to Melbourne for the South Melbourne game. This has never been done before, but if enough people are interested we are willing to give it a try. Let us know if you are a possible starter.

IAN SKILLING, President
(with a little help from the Editor)

Corison Comments

Who would have thought it? After two rounds seven goals for and three against, and Canberra City's name on top of the ladder.

There is something different about the PSL team this year. I think I have noticed:

- more thinking up front
- better team attitude and approach
- players displaying greater skills than they have previously
- no arguing with referees
- greater fire-power

It seems Victor Fernandez is doing a great job, making them play as a team, and yet encouraging individual players to show creativeness, flair and dash.

It is too early yet to say that Canberra will stay at the top. But the enthusiasm of players, administrators, supporters, and the

paying customer is great. Only time will tell, particularly after we play the two Adelaide teams, South Melbourne, and Sydney City.

Let us hope, too, that the PSL or even Canberra City itself will do something about the television fiasco. It is most important that the Philips League be seen on TV every week. The standard of soccer in Australia, because of the Philips League, has risen sharply over the past two years. But the general public in Sydney and Melbourne are almost unaware of what has happened. The PSL must seriously look at how the PSL gets TV coverage. The solution may lie with the Newcastle and Canberra TV channels. Without an extension of media coverage, the PSL will almost certainly take a few steps backward.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Susie Civina, 10, of Chifley, and Stephen Dolby, 12, of Page Primary were selected by the Kids Squad Leader, Chris Kunz, as the best girl and boy players in the course of the recent visits to 18 schools by the Canberra City squad. Last week, each was presented with a new pair of Dunlop soccer boots by local Dunlop footwear representative, Maurice Longstaff.

Junior members are reminded of the free film show to be held at the Hughes Community Centre from 2 pm to 5 pm on Sunday, 1 April. The program is:

A World is Born (The Rite of Spring), a 20 minute clip from Walt Disney's 'Fantasia';

Apollo XI: One Giant Leap for Mankind, a half-hour documentary showing man's journey to and first landing on the moon, July 1968;

Mars and Beyond, a Walt Disney look at the universe; and

World Cup '74, a 25 minute West German newsreel film.

Members are reminded that refreshments will be on sale.

Junior membership is still open. For \$4, children between the ages of 5 and 15 gain free admission to all Canberra City's home games and other special Club activities, such as the film afternoon. Why not join up with the Club that's on the Top this afternoon.

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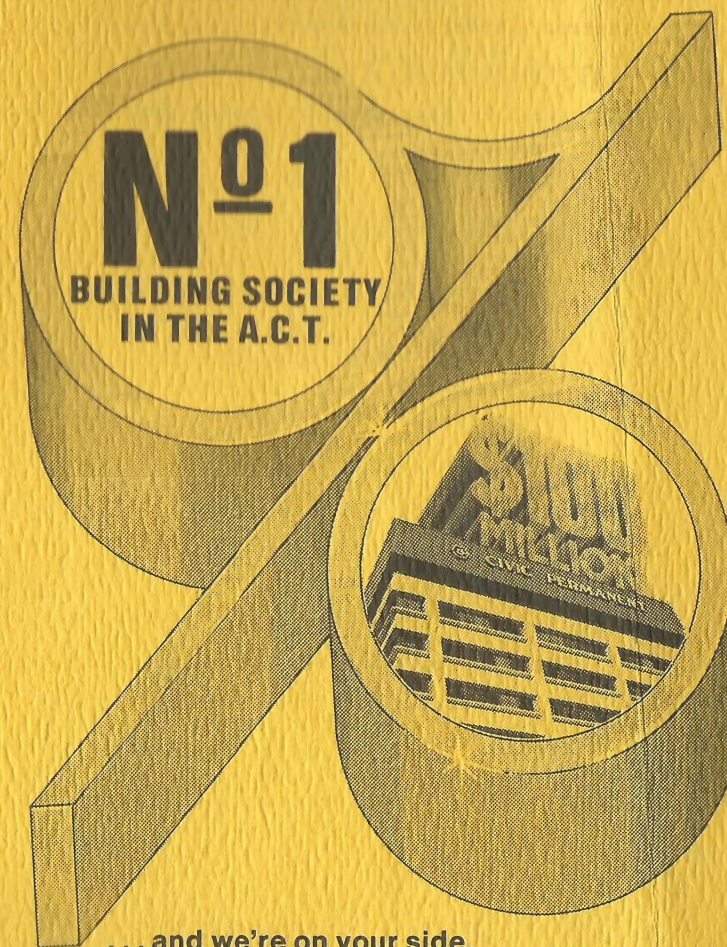
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